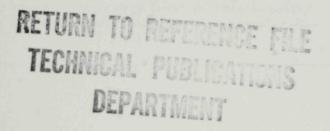
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ABSTRACT

A generic three-dimensional thermal model was developed for analyzing the thermal behavior of electric-vehicle batteries. The model calculates temperature distribution and excursion of a battery during discharge, charge, and open circuit. The model takes into account the effects of heat generation, internal conduction and convection, and external heat dissipation on the temperature distribution in a battery. The three-dimensional feature of the model permits incorporation of various asymmetric boundary conditions; thus the effects of cell orientation and packaging on thermal behavior can be analyzed for a multiple-cell battery pack. Various modes of boundary heat transfer such as radiation, insulation, and natural and forced convections were also included in the model.

Model predictions agreed well with the temperature distributions measured in nickel/iron batteries. Application of the thermal model to a closely packed 330-Ah module of five cells indicated that excessive temperature rise will occur upon discharge. Forced air convection is not effective for cooling the module.

To facilitate the use of the model by electric-vehicle designers and battery developers, the computer code for the model was simplified so that calculations can be made on a minicomputer. The flow diagram for the computer code and the input/output specifications are described. A sample calculation is also given to illustrate the procedures involved in using the model for battery thermal analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

The temperature of batteries and electrochemical cells, owing to the resistive heating and the entropy changes of the reactions, often varies during the operation. In many instances, such temperature variations affect the performance and life of the electrochemical cells and batteries. 1-5 Therefore, it is desirable to control their temperature within a suitable range. In addition, the temperature distribution in cells and multicell modules should be kept uniform to avoid localized degradation and to maintain a balanced utilization of active material. These two requirements, namely, the proper temperature range and uniformity, are particularly important for operating high-energy-density batteries and fuel cells because of their high rate of heat generation.

To achieve proper temperature control of batteries, one needs to understand how the cell design and operating variables affect the thermal behavior. An efficient way of assessing these effects and formulating a thermal controlling scheme is to model mathematically the thermal behavior of a battery under various design and operating conditions. Figure 1 shows the desirable inputs to such a model for electrochemical cells and batteries. Once the cell design specification, the thermal properties, and the electrical performance characteristics of a battery system are given, its temperature distribution and variation can be predicted by the model for different operating and ambient conditions.

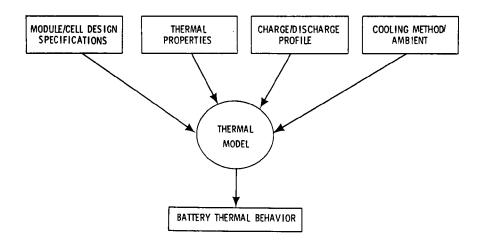


Fig. 1. Inputs to Battery Thermal Model

The first of this type of model was published in 1965 by Gidaspow and Baker.⁶ In 1971, Gidaspow et al. gave an extensive analysis on steady-state temperature distribution in fuel cells and batteries.⁷ The usefulness of Green's function method in formulating a series solution for the thermal model was demonstrated. In 1978, Choi and Yao⁸, 9 analyzed the transient two-dimensional temperature distributions for lead-acid batteries by using

the finite-difference technique. Their method allows more flexibility in treating complicated boundary conditions. Chen and Gibbard 10,11 adopted a similar method to model the heat transfer in cylindrical and parallelepiped batteries under convective boundary conditions. A review on heat transfer modeling and thermal management of batteries was given by Yao in 1981. 12

Recently, attention has been focused on modeling full-scale electric vehicle (EV) batteries. 13 A large number of cells or modules are often needed to power an electric vehicle. As a result of the close packing needed for the cells or modules, the dissipation of heat is less efficient. Generally, the temperature rise will be higher, and the temperature gradients will be larger for a collection of cells in comparison with a single cell. The thermal behavior of individual cells and modules in the battery pack is also affected by the asymmetrical boundary conditions imposed by the packaging requirements of the vehicle. A three-dimensional model capable of depicting the thermal interactions among cells and modules is derived in the following discussion. This model allows one to accurately predict the thermal behavior of a full-scale EV battery. This information can then be used to control the battery temperature. The same methodology can be applied to electrochemical cells other than EV batteries.

II. MODEL FORMULATION

The thermal behavior of a full-size battery can be described by integrating thermal models derived for individual cells or modules under appropriate boundary conditions. Therefore, a three-dimensional model for a single cell serves as the building block for analyzing the thermal behavior of a multicell system.

A typical composite cell is schematically represented by Fig. 2. The cell is divided into two regions: the core region and the boundary region. The core, consisting of the stack of electrodes and separators, is the region where electrochemical reactions occur. The temperature distribution in this region is our primary interest. The boundary region, consisting of the cell case and electrolyte surrounding the core, occupies only a small portion of the cell volume. This region provides the contact between the core and the environment outside the cell. In the following, we first formulate an equation that describes the thermal phenomena in the core region. Then, the heat transfer and the heat accumulation in the boundary region are treated in conjunction with the cooling conditions at the external surfaces. This provides boundary conditions for determining the temperature distribution in the core region of the composite cell.

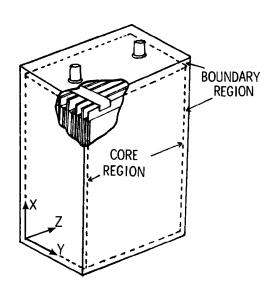


Fig. 2.

Schematic Representation of Three-Dimensional Thermal Model for Typical Composite Cell

A. Core Region

Previous study¹⁴ had shown that because of the intimate contact among electrodes, electrolyte, and separator, the instantaneous temperature difference between components in proximity is often very small (~10-4°C). This allows one to consider the composite electrode stack as a quasi-homogeneous medium and to assume that the thermal behavior of the core region can be sufficiently represented by averaged properties such as average specific heat and

effective thermal conductivities. One can also assume that the heat generated from various sources can be averaged over any differential volume in the core region. With these approximations, one can write the energy conservation equation, the equation describing the temperature distribution in the core region, as

$$\hat{\rho}C \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = k_x \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} + k_y \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial y^2} + k_z \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial z^2} - \hat{\rho}CU_x \frac{\partial T}{\partial x} + \underline{\dot{q}}$$
(1)

where $\hat{\rho}$, C, and k are average density, average specific heat, and effective thermal conductivities, respectively; U_X denotes the equivalent convective velocity in the x-direction; and \dot{q} is the heat generation rate per unit volume.

The convective velocity, U, here assumed exists only in the x-direction and represents the average motion of a composite mass, which is equivalent to the actual movement of the electrolyte. In most cases, such a movement is caused by the change of electrode porosity as electrochemical reactions occur. The relationship between the porosity change of electrodes and the equivalent convective velocity can be approximated by

$$U_{x} = -\frac{L_{x}}{4W_{e}} \left[W_{N} \frac{d\varepsilon_{N}}{dt} + W_{p} \frac{d\varepsilon_{p}}{dt} \right]$$
 (2)

where L_{x} is the height of the core region, W_{N} and W_{p} are thicknesses of the negative and positive electrodes, ε_{N} and ε_{p} are porosities of the negative and positive electrodes, W_{e} is the total thickness of the positive and negative electrode. The rate of porosity change can be further approximated by the differences in molar volume (\tilde{V}) between the reactants and products of the ongoing reaction

$$\frac{d\varepsilon}{dt} = \frac{i}{nFW_e} \begin{bmatrix} z & s & \hat{v} & -z & s & \hat{v} \\ product & j & j & reactant \end{bmatrix}$$
(3)

where i is the superficial current density, j represents different species of products and reactants, s is the stoichiometric constant for the reaction, n is the number of electrons transferred, and F is Faraday's constant.

The q in Eq. 1 is the local rate of heat generation per unit volume in the core region. A detailed analysis of thermodynamic changes associated with electrochemical reactions was presented by Gibbard. Recently, Bernardi et al. derived a general equation for estimating heat generation rates in battery systems. For simplicity, q may be written as

$$\frac{\dot{q}}{W_e} = \frac{i}{W_e} \left[V + \frac{\Delta H^{\bullet}}{nF} + \frac{\Delta C_p}{nF} (T - T_{ref}) \right]$$
 (4)

where i is the local current density; W_e is the thickness of a composite element; V is the cell voltage, which varies with time during cell operation; ΔH° is the heat of the discharge reaction at reference temperature T_{ref} ; ΔC_p is the change in the sum of the partial molar heat capacities of species involved in the cell reaction. Here the sign conventions for the charge (or electrolysis) and discharge are defined as follows: $\Delta H^\circ < 0$ for exothermic and $\Delta H^\circ > 0$ for endothermic reaction; i > 0 for charge and i < 0 for discharge; and V always remains positive.

If more than one reaction occurs, Eq. 4 is written as

$$\frac{\dot{q}}{\underline{q}} = \frac{i}{W_e} \left[V + \sum_{j} \frac{\Delta H_j^{\circ}}{n_j F} + (T - T_{ref}) \sum_{j} \frac{\Delta C}{n_j F} \right]$$
(5)

where V is the voltage, and ζ_j is the fraction of total current contributed by reaction j. In general, current distribution at the electrode is not completely uniform. Therefore, i may vary with location at the electrode. Besides, i may vary with time depending on how the cell is operated, i.e., whether the total current or cell voltage is controlled. In the present analysis, it is assumed that the function i = i(t, x, y, z) is predetermined. Similarly, the variation of cell voltage with time, V = V(t), is also assumed to be a given function.

With both i and V prescribed, the heat generation rate (\dot{q}) in Eq. 5 can be determined. However, the requirement of knowing i and V \underline{a} priori imposes a limitation on the predictive power of the model. The heat generation rate cannot be calculated without knowledge of the variations of i and V during cell operation. Theoretically i, V, and T are dependent upon one another. Therefore, determining i and V without knowing T is difficult. In practice, however, there are cases when i and V are not significantly affected by T. For example, the voltage-time curve of aqueous secondary batteries during discharge does not change significantly with temperature; thus, it can be used to calculate the rate of heat generation.

B. Boundary Region

The boundary region, as shown in Fig. 2, designates the cell case plus the electrolyte surrounding the core region. Since electrochemical reactions occur only at the electrodes, no heat generation occurs in the boundary region. In terms of heat transfer, the boundary region separates the core region from the outside environment and thus imposes an additional barrier to heat dissipation. However, the electrolyte in this region absorbs heat generated in the core region and thus serves as a heat sink. To account for the effect of the boundary region and to provide a direct relation between the core region and the external environment, the following equation can be used for all three directions (n = x, y, or z):

$$-k_{n} \frac{\partial T(n)}{\partial n} = h(T_{s} - T_{\infty}) + e\delta(T_{s}^{4} - T_{\infty}^{4}) + \rho_{B} C_{p,B} H_{B} \frac{\partial T_{B}}{\partial t} - \rho_{\ell} C_{\ell} T_{\infty}$$

$$n = 0, L$$
(6)

where T is the temperature at the surface of the core region; $T_{\mathbf{S}}$ is the temperature at the external cell surface; TB is the average temperature of the boundary region, taken here to be the arithmetic average of T and T_s ; e is the emissivity of the cell surface; 6 is the Stefan-Boltzmann constant; $H_{B},\ \rho_{B}$ and Cp, B are the thickness, density, and specific heat of the boundary region; h is the heat transfer coefficient at the external surfaces of the cell; of and Cg are density and specific heat of liquid electrolyte; and L is the total length of the core region in each direction. The left-hand side of Eq. 6 represents the heat flux at the interface between the core and the boundary region due to conduction outward from the core region. The first term of the right-hand side is the heat dissipation by convective heat transfer at the outside surface; the second term is the heat dissipation by radiative heat loss; and the third term accounts for the heat absorbed by the boundary region. In addition, the mass in the boundary region may vary with time. For example, as a result of the upward movement of electrolyte in the core region, the amount of heat flux carried by the electrolyte into the boundary needs to be accounted for. Therefore, a convective term "- $\rho_{\hat{z}}$ $C_{\hat{z}}$ TU_{X} " was needed for the right-hand side of Eq. 6; C_B and H_B vary with time.

To establish a relationship between T and $T_{
m s}$, one assumes that the temperature drop through the boundary region is due to an overall heat-transfer resistance imposed by the electrolyte and cell case. If, for this relationship, the convective flow in the boundary region is negligible and the radiative effect is small, the following equation can be derived, based on the same principle used in determining heat conduction through a composite material:

$$T_{g} = C_{R}T + (1 - C_{R})T_{gg}$$
 (7)

where
$$C_B = \left(1 + \frac{h H_L}{k_L} + \frac{h H_C}{k_C}\right)^{-1}$$
 (8)

where He and ke are the thickness and thermal conductivity of liquid electrolyte, and H_c and k_c are the same for the cell case material. Eq. 7 into Eq. 6 and linearizing the radiative term, one obtains

$$-k_{n} \frac{\partial T(n)}{\partial n} \Big|_{n = 0, L} = h C_{B}(T - T_{\infty}) + e\delta \left[(4 C_{B} - 3)T^{4} - T_{\infty}^{4} + \frac{1}{2} T_{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} T_$$

This is the boundary condition for Eq. 1, the equation defining the temperature distribution in the core region. One needs to use different coefficients for boundaries in different spatial directions when the heat transfer coefficient (h) and the amount of electrolyte in the boundary region are not identical in each direction.

Besides the boundary conditions, an initial condition is required to completely define the temperature distribution of a cell. The initial condition is

$$T(x, y, z, t) = T_0(x, y, z, t)$$
 at $t = 0$ (10)

III. DIMENSIONLESS ANALYSIS AND APPLICATIONS TO NICKEL/IRON BATTERY

To obtain generalized characteristics of thermal behavior for electrochemical cells and batteries and to reduce the number of parameters, the model parameters were normalized as follows:

$$T^{*} = T(n)/T_{O} \tag{11}$$

$$t^* = t/t_L \tag{12}$$

$$x^* = x/L_x \tag{13}$$

$$y^* = y/L_y \tag{14}$$

$$z^* = z/L_z \tag{15}$$

$$V^* = V/V_{avg} \tag{16}$$

where T_0 is the initial temperature of the cell; t_L is the time elapsed during charge or discharge; L_x , L_y , and L_z are the height, width, and thickness of the core region; V_{avg} is the average cell voltage during the operation. By reformulating Eqs. 1, 5, 9, and 10 using the newly defined variables, one can obtain the following four types of dimensionless parameters:

Internal Heat Transfer (i = x, y, or z)

$$\mathbf{k}_{i}^{*} = \mathbf{k}_{i} \ \mathbf{t}_{L} / \mathbf{L}_{i}^{2} \ \rho \ \mathbf{C}_{p} \tag{17}$$

$$\mathbf{U}_{i}^{\star} = \mathbf{U}_{i} \ \mathbf{t}_{L}/L_{i} \tag{18}$$

Boundary Heat Transfer

$$h_i^* = h_i L_i/k_i \tag{19}$$

$$E_{i}^{*} = e_{i} \delta T_{0}^{3} L_{i}/k_{i}$$
 (20)

$$B_{i}^{*} = \rho_{B} C_{p,B} H_{B} L_{i}/k_{i} t_{L}$$
 (21)

$$C_R = (1 + h H_g/k_g + h H_c/k_c)^{-1}$$
 (22)

Heat Generation

$$G^* = I V_{avg} t_L / \rho C_p L_x L_y L_z T_o$$
 (23)

$$H^* = \Delta H^* / nF V_{avg}$$
 (24)

$$\Delta C_{p}^{*} = \Delta C_{p} T_{o}/nF V_{avg}$$
 (25)

Ambient Condition

$$T_{\infty}^* = T_{\infty}/T_{\Omega} \tag{26}$$

The thermal characteristics of a particular battery or electrochemical system can often be represented by the numerical values of these dimensionless parameters. For example, k* and U* represent the magnitude of normalized thermal conductivity and convective velocity in the core region. In the boundary region, the B* represents the thermal capacitance of the cell case and the electrolyte surrounding the electrode stack; the CB, ranging from 0 to 1, is a correction factor accounting for the thermal resistances imposed by the boundary region. At the external surfaces of the cell, the rate of heat dissipation by convection and radiation can be represented by h* and E*, respectively. In the core region where electrochemical reactions occur, the heat generation rate is proportional to the sum of G* (the ratio of specific energy to initial specific heat content) and H* (the normalized standard heat of reaction), adjusted by $\Delta C_{\rm p}$ (the normalized enthalpy change with temperature). A final independent parameter is $T_{\rm m}^{\star}$, the ratio of ambient temperature to the initial cell temperature. The typical values of these dimensionless parameters for a nickel/iron cell fabricated by Eagle-Picher Industries, Inc., 17 are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Typical Numerical Values of Dimensionless Thermal Parameters for a Nickel/Iron Cell during Discharge

Thermal	Parameters	Typical Values
	G*	-0.6 ∿ -0.9
	н*	0.3 ~ 2.0
	k*	0.4 ~ 1.2
	U *	0.001
	В*	0.2
	c_B	0.8
	h*	0.3 ~ 1.5
	E*	0.02
	T *	1.0

With the definitions of these dimensionless variables and parameters, Eqs. 1, 5, 9, and 10 can be rewritten in dimensionless form:

$$\frac{\partial T^{*}}{\partial t^{*}} = k_{x}^{*} \frac{\partial^{2} T^{*}}{\partial x^{*2}} + k_{y}^{*} \frac{\partial^{2} T^{*}}{\partial y^{*2}} + k_{z}^{*} \frac{\partial^{2} T^{*}}{\partial z^{*2}} - U_{x}^{*} \frac{\partial T^{*}}{\partial x^{*}} + G^{*} \left[V^{*} + H^{*} + \Delta C_{p}^{*} \left(T^{*} - T_{ref}^{*} \right) \right]$$
(27)

The boundary condition is

$$-\frac{\partial T^{*}}{\partial n^{*}}\Big|_{n^{*}=0,1} = C_{B} h_{n}^{*} \left(T^{*}-T_{\infty}^{*}\right) + E_{n}^{*} \left(T^{*^{4}}-T_{\infty}^{*^{4}}\right) + \left(C_{B}-1\right) E_{n}^{*} T^{*^{3}} \left(T^{*}-T_{\infty}^{*}\right) + \left(1+C_{B}\right) \frac{B_{n}^{*}}{2} \frac{\partial T^{*}}{\partial r^{*}} - U_{x}^{*} T^{*}$$
(28)

The initial condition is

$$T^* = 1 \longrightarrow at t^* = 0$$
 (29)

Equations 27-29 determine the generic patterns of temperature distribution and excursion for batteries. The set of equations can be solved by the finite difference method to obtain an understanding of the effects of dimensionless parameters on battery thermal behavior. Based on the parameter values given in Table 1, the system of equations was solved by the implicit alternating-direction scheme. 18 The results of the dimensionless calculations are qualitatively summarized in Table 2. The numerical solution was found stable over a wide range of parameter values.

In Table 2, those parameters having significant effects on the total cell temperature rise and temperature uniformity within the cell during discharge are marked by "X." In terms of temperature uniformity in the battery, h^* and C_B have the strongest effect. As the cell size becomes larger or the discharge rate becomes higher, the effects of k^* and U^* become more significant.

In terms of the effect on cell temperature rise, more parameters are involved. By far the most important parameters in determining temperature rise are G* and H*. Both parameters are directly related to the properties of electrochemical reactions occurring inside the battery. The ambient condition, T*, and external heat removal parameter, h*, also have significant influence on the magnitude of temperature rise. At high rates (C or C/2, i.e., one-hour or two-hour rate) of discharge, the thermal resistance and capacitance imposed by the cell case and the surrounding electrolyte, represented by CB and B*, become important. However, their effects diminish as the size of the cell increases. This is mainly due to the reduction of external surface area per unit volume. In addition, the internal conduction parameter, k*, becomes more important in larger cells. In most cases, the effects of radiation on total heat loss are small (~10% of convection), except at low discharge rates

Table 2. Th	e Relative	Importance	of	Thermal	Parameters
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Thermal	Total Cell	Cell Temperature	
Parameters	High Rate Discharge ^a	Low Rate Discharge ^b	Uniformity
G*	X	X	
н*	x	X	
k *	x		X
U *			X
в*	x		
c_B	X		X
C _B h*	x	X	X
E*		X	
T *	Х	X	

ac or c/2.

(C/3 or less) under natural convection where the effects of internal conduction, convection, and boundary resistances become secondary, and the radiative heat loss has the same magnitude of effect as external convection.

Another factor affecting the thermal behavior of a battery is the dimensionless cell voltage, $V^*(t)$, which was treated here as a given function. A standard constant-current discharge curve was used throughout this analysis. If different types of $V^*(t)$ (e.g., pulsed discharge) are used, both temperature rise and temperature uniformity of the battery will not be the same as those from constant-current discharge.

Because of the interdependency and the large number of parameters involved, the quantitative effects of isolated dimensionless parameters often have little practical use. Therefore, only the qualitative effects of the dimensionless analysis have been discussed up to this point. In the following, the model is applied to actual batteries and cells, and the results are presented in specific dimensions rather than in dimensionless form.

bC/3 or less.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A typical result of model application is shown in Fig. 3, in which the temperature distribution is presented for the mid-height cross section of a three-module EV-3000 lead-acid battery fabricated by Globe Battery Division, Johnson Controls, Inc. 19 The result shows that the average temperature of the battery increased from 25°C to approximately 33°C after two hours of charging at a 3-h rate. The flat temperature profile at the center of each module indicates that the internal thermal resistance is relatively small compared with that at the boundary. While the small air gap between modules provides a heat sink, it is not effective in dissipating heat under the natural convection condition. The result also shows that a higher temperature exists near the surface area where modules face one another.

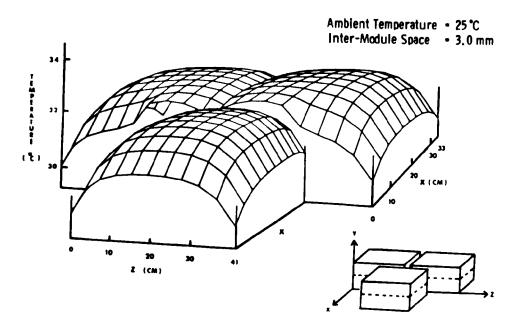


Fig. 3. Calculated Temperature Distribution at Mid-Height Cross Section of Three-Module Lead-Acid Battery after Two Hours of Charge at 3-h Rate under Natural Convection Cooling

The model has also been applied to study the thermal behavior of nickel/ iron batteries²⁰ and to compare model calculations with experimentally measured temperature distributions. The details of the experimental set-up and procedures were described elsewhere.²¹ The temperature variations were measured by 15 thermocouples embedded inside a 150-Ah nickel/iron cell (fabricated by Eagle-Picher). The cell was charged and discharged within a specially instrumented test fixture that provides a well-defined boundary condition around the test cell. The cell voltages recorded during the discharges were fitted to Shepherd's equation so that the instantaneous voltage variations needed for modeling heat generation can be easily calculated. Figures 4 and 5 show the measured data and the temperature profiles predicted by the model in

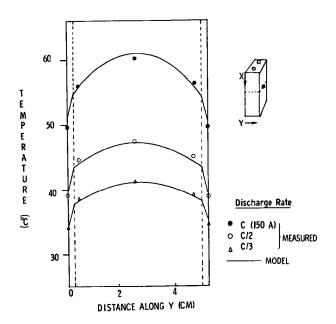


Fig. 4.

Measured and Calculated Temperature Profiles in Y-direction at the Center of 150-Ah Nickel/Iron Cell after Full Discharges at Three Different Rates under Moderate Forced Convection Cooling

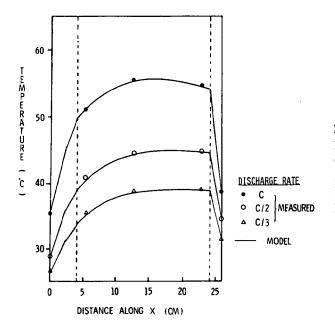


Fig. 5.

Measured and Calculated Temperature Profiles in X-direction at the Center of 150-Ah Nickel/Iron Cell after Full Discharges at Three Different Rates under Moderate Forced Convection Cooling

two different spatial directions, x and y. In both figures, the dashed lines indicate the point of separation between the core and boundary regions. The cell dimensions and physical properties used in these calculations are listed in Table 3. The numerical values of the effective heat capacity and the thermal conductivities of the cell were estimated from separate experimental data.21

In both the x- and y-directions for three different rates of discharge, the model predictions agree well with the experimental measurements. The temperature distributions in the z-direction are similar to those of the

Table 3.	Physical Parameters Used to Model
	Temperature Variations of 150-Ah
	Ni/Fe Cell during Discharge

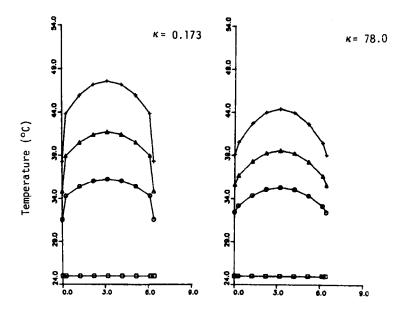
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ρĈ _P	2.91	J/cm ³ ·K	e	0.8
k _x	12.4	W/(m·K)	h	2-5 m/s
k y	1.47	W/(m·K)	ξ	1.0
k _z	8.5	W/(m·K)	L _x	4.9 cm
u _x	0.5x10-6	m/s	Ly	24.5 cm
ΔH*	-286330	J/mol	Lz	18.3 cm
ΔC	30	J/mol		
				

y-direction and thus are not shown here. The results in Figs. 4 and 5 also show that a significant thermal resistance exists in the boundary region, as indicated by the sharp temperature drop between the core region and the external surfaces of the cell. Such temperature drops are mainly caused by the relatively nonconductive cell case material.

In Fig. 6, the temperature distributions (in y-direction) of cells having different case materials are compared. The large temperature drops through boundary regions disappear when the cell case material is changed from plastic (κ = 0.173) to metal (κ = 78.0). The reduction of thermal resistance also helps reduce the average temperature of the cell. The thermal resistance caused by the cell case plays a more important role as the cell temperature becomes higher. At the end of discharge, about 30% of total temperature drop between the cell and the ambient air is due to the boundary resistance. In this particular case, the major heat transfer barrier (about 50%) lies in the air stream outside the cell.

The cell temperature rises measured by the thermocouple located near the center of the external cell surface are compared with the model predictions in Fig. 7 for three different discharge rates. Again, the agreement between the model calculations and experimental results is quite good. Using the same conditions, the results of model calculation for continuous discharge, open circuit, and charge are shown in Fig. 8. The temperature differences between the center and corner of a cell are as large as 10°C. The time required to cool down the cell can also be estimated from the calculation.

The effects of air cooling rate and ambient temperature on the maximum temperature rise of a battery can also be calculated by the model. These effects are shown in Fig. 9 for a 330-Ah nickel/iron cell. The temperature rise (ΔT) and ambient temperature (T_{∞}) in the figure are normalized by



Distance Along Y (cm)

Fig. 6. Temperature Profiles of Cells Having
Different Thermal Conductivities of
Cell Case Material. (Curves represent temperature profiles in Ydirection at the center of the cell
and at different depths of discharge.)

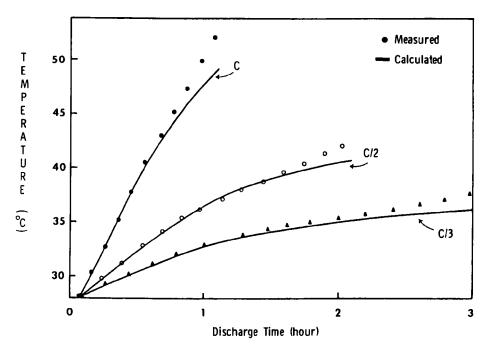


Fig. 7. Measured and Calculated Temperature Rises of Nickel/Iron Cell during Three Constant-Current Discharges under Moderate Forced Convection Cooling

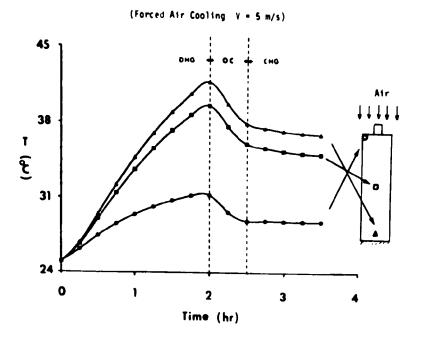
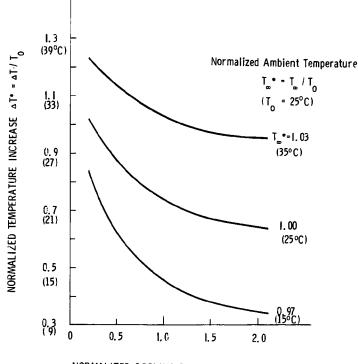


Fig. 8. Calculated Temperature Excursion of a Nickel/Iron Cell during Discharge (DHG), Open Circuit (OC), and Charge (CHG) under Moderate Forced Convection Cooling

dividing by the initial cell temperature (T_O); as a consequence, the relation-ships hold for various initial temperature conditions. In Fig. 9, the corresponding ambient temperatures and the predicted temperature rises at an initial temperature of 25°C (298 K) are given in parentheses. The cell temperature rise decreases as the cooling rate increases. However, the effectiveness of air cooling diminishes as the normalized cooling rate, h* as defined in Eq. 19, exceeds 1.0, which corresponds to an air velocity of about 20 m/s for a 330-Ah cell.

When several cells are packed into a module, the degree of temperature variation during charge/discharge becomes quite different from that for a single cell. There are several design parameters affecting the thermal behavior of a module: ampere-hour capacity, number of cells per module, packing and cooling orientations, and space between cells. Examination of the effects of these parameters on the thermal behavior of a nickel/iron battery was reported elsewhere. O Using a 6-V, 330-Ah nickel/iron module consisting of five closely packed cells fabricated by Eagle-Picher as an example, the maximum temperature rise after three hours of constant-current discharge was determined to be significantly higher than that for a single cell. A cross-sectional temperature distribution in such a module at a cooling air velocity of 5 m/s is shown in Fig. 10. The temperature of the two side cells is reduced while all three center cells remain unaffected. The maximum temperature of the module after the discharge exceeds the 55°C temperature limit set by the battery manufacturer. Thus, the forced air cooling is not an



NORMALIZED COOLING RATE h* = hL/k

Fig. 9. Effects of Air Cooling Rate and Ambient Temperature on the Maximum Temperature Rise of a 330-Ah Nickel/Iron Cell after 3-h Constant Discharge

effective means for lowering the center temperature of a closely packed 330-Ah nickel/iron module. An air space between individual cells or other means of cooling may be needed to control the temperature of the module. Similarly, the model can be used to aid the design of a thermal management system for a full-scale EV battery pack, which may consist of more than one hundred cells. 20

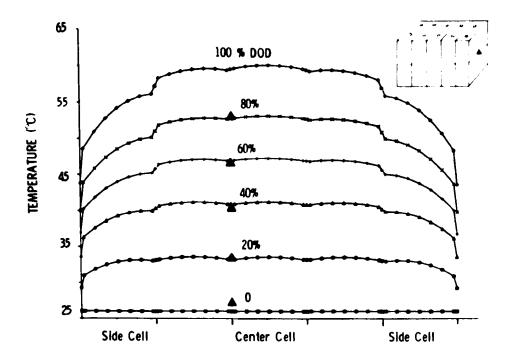


Fig. 10. Temperature Profile in Y-direction at the Center of Closely Packed 330-Ah Nickel/Iron Module (five cells) during a 3-h Constant-Current Discharge. (Solid triangles are measured temperatures.)

V. MODEL COMPUTER CODE

To facilitate the use of the thermal model, a flow diagram for the model computer code is shown in Fig. 11. (The complete computer code is available through the Chemical Technology Division, Argonne National Laboratory.)

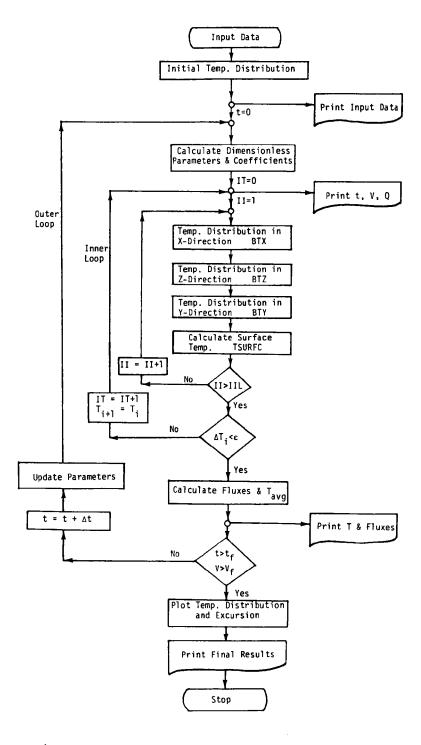


Fig. 11. Flow Diagram for the Thermal Model Computer Code

Input data can be such factors as the cell size, cell/module dimensions and design specifications, the thermal properties of electrolyte, electrode stack, cell case material, the cell voltage curve for the desired discharge profile, ambient temperature, cooling air flow rate, cell/module packaging orientation, and initial cell temperature. The computer model calculates the temperature distribution by the "time-stopping" approach. In other words, the entire discharge process is divided into a number of small time intervals. The model calculates temperature variation over three-dimensional space (x, y, z) for a particular time interval by assuming a quasi-steady state. Once T = T(x, y, z, t₀) is obtained, the calculation proceeds to the next time interval. The dimensionless parameters and heat transfer coefficients are updated at each time-step.

Within each time interval (At), the temperature distribution for each module (or cell) is approximated by numerical iteration of the governing equation in the x-, y-, and z-directions. After the iterations in three directions for all modules (or cells) are completed, the resulting temperature distributions are compared with the initially assumed temperature distributions. If the deviations between the newly calculated temperature distribution and the previously assumed value are smaller than a pre-assigned tolerance (e.g., 10^{-4}) at all nodes, then the iteration converges, and the temperature distribution is finalized for that time interval. If the deviation at any node is greater than the tolerance, iteration continues until it converges. After printout of the results for the time-step, calculation proceeds to the next time-step until it reaches the cut-off voltage or assigned termination time.

At the end of the discharge profile, the detailed temperature distributions are printed, and temperature profiles at selected time and locations in the cells are plotted for quick visualization of the results.

There are 15 subroutines and functions attached to the main program of the model. The name and purpose of each subroutine are as follows:

- BTX { to perform temperature iterations in x-, y-, and z-directions, respectively
- 3. BTZ
- 4. ELOG to provide iterative solver for simultaneous equations
- 5. TAVG to calculate average temperature at each of the external surfaces of battery
- 6. HBOUND to provide heat transfer coefficients at all boundaries of battery
- 7. IFAC to calculate factorial of K
- 8. F to provide functional value for solving cut-off time
- 9. TBOUND to define surface temperature at all surfaces of batteries

- 10. TSURFC to calculate surface temperature based on internal battery temperature distributions
- 11. SUROND to define the contact and orientation of cells and the arrangement of modules in a battery pack
- 12. PLOT to generate three-dimensional temperature distribution plots
- 13. TDIS to store the calculated temperature profiles along each axis at successive times for plotting
- 14. PLOT2 to generate the temperature profile along x-, y-, and z-axes and temperature history along discharge time
- 15. HQEQ to calculate total flux of heat dissipation by convection and radiation at each surface

There are two external software packages used:

- 1. ZFALSE a subroutine from IMSL Inc. (Houston, TX), used to obtain zero of a function by regula falsi method
- 2. DISSPLA a plotting software from ISSCO (Integrated Software System Corp., San Diego, CA 92121), used to generate all the plots

Input to the Model

The following is a list of the input data required for the computer model. The definition, unit, and format of each input are also given.

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----INPUT DATA : ****
                                                                             THE00970
      UNITS: TIME (SECOND)
                                                                             THE00980
              TEMPERATURE (DEGREE C)
                                                                             THE00990
              HODULE/CELL DIMENSIONS (METER)
                                                                             THE0 1000
                                                                             THE 0 10 10
     CONTROL TIME, DIMENSIONS, AND NO. OF STEPS
                                                                             THE0 1020
                                                                             THE0 1030
      READ(5.101) XHSTEP.RXL.RYL.RZL
                                                                             THE0 1040
C
      XHSTEP: NO. OF TIME-STEPS TO BE USED IN HODELING
                                                                             THE0 1050
C
      RXL
            : REAL EXTERNAL LENGTH OF CELL/HODULE IN X DIRECTION
                                                                             THE 0 1060
             : REAL EXTERNAL LENGTH OF CELL/HODULE IN Y DIRECTION
                                                                             THE0 1070
      R 71
             : REAL EXTERNAL LENGTH OF CELL/MODULE IN Z DIRECTION
                                                                             THE01080
                                                                              THE0 1090
      READ(5.102) TINI.TIMEDL.TIMECA
                                                                              THE01100
      TINI : INITIAL BATTERY TEMPERATURE
                                                                              THE01110
      TIMEDL: TIME TO TERMINATE DISCHARGE IF BATTERY OPERATION STARTS
                                                                             THE 0 1120
               HITH DISCHG.; TIME TO INITIATE DISCHG IF STARTS HITH CHARGETHEO1130
      TIMECA: TIME TO TERMINATE CHARGE IF OPERATION STARTS WITH CHARGE; THEO 1140
               TIME TO INITIATE CHARGE IF STARTS WITH DISCHARGE.
                                                                             THE0 1150
               NOTE--IF TIMEDE-TIMECA, STARTS WITH DISCHARGE. VISE VERSA, THEO 1160
                                                                              THE01170
      READIS, 1021 TO, XMIRT, TIMFL
                                                                              THE01180
C
      TO : AMBIENT TEMPERATURE (TEMPERATURE OF SURROUNDING AIR)
                                                                              THE01190
      XMERT : NO. OF STEPS AT HHICH EXTENSIVE RESULTS HILL BE PRINTED.
C
                                                                             THE0 1200
C
      TIMFL : MAXIMUM LENGTH OF TIME OF BATTERY OPERATION.
                                                                              THE01210
C
                                                                              THE0 1220
     CELL SPECIFICATIONS AND PHYSICAL AND THERMODYNAMIC PROPERTIES
                                                                              THE0 1230
C
                                                                              THE0 1240
      READ(5,102) THEMCX, THEMCY, THEMCZ
                                                                              THE0 1250
      THENCX: EFFECTIVE THERNAL CONDUCTIVITY OF CORE REGION
                                                                              THE0 1260
C
                                                                              THE0 1270
               IN X DIRECTION (HATTS/H-K)
      THENCY: SAME AS ABOVE, IN Y DIRECTION THEMCZ: SAME AS ABOVE, IN Z DIRECTION
C
                                                                              THE0 1280
C
                                                                              THE0 1290
C
                                                                              THE01300
      READ(5.102) CEC.CED.GCFH
                                                                              THE0 13 10
C
             : CURRENT EFFICIENCY OF CHARGE (0--1.)
                                                                              THE 0 1320
      CEC
             : CUTRENT EFFICIENCY OF DISCHARGE (0--1.)
                                                                              THE 0 1330
C
      CED
      GCFH : COEFFICIENT ACCOUNTS FOR GASSING EFFECT ON THERMAL
                                                                              THE01340
C
               CONDUCTIVITIES IN CORE PEGION
                                                                              THE0 1350
C
                                                                              THE 0 1360
C
      READ(5.101) VVX.VVY.VVZ.DENEL
                                                                              THE01370
                                                                              THE0 1380
C
             : EQUAVELENT CONVECTIVE VELOCITY OF ELECTROLYTE (M/SEC)
               IN X DIRECTION DUE TO CHANGE IN ELECTRODE POROSITY
                                                                              THE 0 1390
C
                                                                              THE0 1400
      VVY
             : SAME AS ABOVE, IN Y DIRECTION
C
             : SAME AS ABOVE, IN 2 DIRECTION
                                                                              THE0 14 10
      VV7
      DENEL : DENSITY OF ELECTROLYTE (KG/N=+3)
                                                                              THE0 1420
C
                                                                              THE0 1430
C
      READ(5.101) AREAE.DHG.DCR.DCG
                                                                              THEO 1440
       AREAE : SUPERFICIAL REACTION AREA PER SIDE OF ELECTRODE (H==2)
C
                                                                              THE 0 1450
C
            : STAIDARD HEAT OF DISCHARGE REACTION AT REFERENCE T=298K
                                                                              THE0 1460
                                                                              THE 0 1470
C
               (JOULE/FOLE): DHG<0 FOR EXOTHERMIC REACTION
C
      DCR
             : AVERAGE SPECIFIC HEAT OF REACTING SPECIES (J/MOLE-K)
                                                                              THE 0 1480
                                                                              THE0 1490
C
             : SAME AS ABOVE, FOR GASSING REACTION
                                                                              THE 0 1500
C
      READ(5, 101) HGTBAT, HGTERM. KGCOVR. VOLEL
                                                                              THE 0 15 10
                                                                              THE 0 1520
C
      KSTBAT: HEIGHT OF BATTERY (KG)
                                                                              THE 0 1530
C
      HGTERM: KEIGHT OF TERMINAL (KG)
       KGCC\R: HEIGHT OF BATTERY COVER (KG)
                                                                              THE 0 1540
      VOLEL : VOLUME OF ELECTROLYTE (M+#3)
                                                                              THE 0 1550
C
C
                                                                              THE 0 1560
                                                                              THE 0 1570
       READIS, 101) CPEL, CPSOLD. CPHP, THERKL
      CPEL : AVERAGE SPECIFIC HEAT OF ELECTROLYTE (J/KG-K) CPSOLD: AVERAGE SPECIFIC HEAT OF SOLID SPECIES IN CORE
C
                                                                              THE 0 1580
C
                                                                              THE01590
       CPHP : SPECIFIC HEAT OF PLASTIC CELL CASE
C
                                                                              THE 0 1600
       THERKL: THERMAL COMOUCTIVITY OF ELECTROLYTE
                                                                              THE 0 16 10
                                                                              THE 0 1620
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READ(5,102) XLAIR, YLAIR, ZLAIR
                                                                           THE0 1630
      XLAIR : HEIGHT OF AIR SPACE IN X DIRECTION OF BOUNDARY REGION (M) THEO 1640
C
C
      YLAIR : SAME AS ABOVE, IN Y DIRECTION
                                                                           THE01650
      ZLAIR : SAME AS ABOVE, IN Z DIRECTION
C
                                                                           THE 0 1660
                                                                           THE01670
C
      READ(5,102) BELX1,BELY1,BELZ1
                                                                           THE0 1630
      BELX1: THICKHESS OF ELECTROLYTE IN BOUNDARY REGION AT X1 (M);
С
                                                                           THE0 1690
              X1 DENOTES THE REGION TOWARD THE END OF NICOE 1 IN X-DIR.
C
                                                                           THE01700
C
      BELY1 : SAME AS ABOVE, AT Y1
                                                                           THE01710
      BELZ1 : SAME AS ABOVE, AT Z1
                                                                           THE01720
C
                                                                           THE01730
C
      READ(5,102) BELXN, BELYN, BELZN
                                                                           THE01740
      BELXN : THICKNESS OF ELECTROLYTE IN BOUNDARY REGION AT XN (H);
C
                                                                           THE0 1750
              XN DENOTES THE REGION TOWARD THE END OF NODE N IN X-DIR.
                                                                           THE0 1760
      BELYH : SAHE AS ABOVE, AT YN
C
                                                                           THE01770
      BELZN : SAME AS ABOVE, AT ZN
C
                                                                           THE0 1780
С
                                                                           THE 0 1790
      READ(5,101) STVS, CURTD, CURTC, RQL
                                                                           THE0 1800
C
      STVS : MOLAR VOLUME CHAMGE AS SOLID REACTANTS CONVERT TO PRODUCTSTHEO 1810
С
               DUE TO ELECTROCHEMICAL REACTION (M**3/MOLE)
                                                                           THE0 1820
      CURTO : TOTAL CURRENT DURING DISCHARGE (AMPERE)
С
                                                                           THE0 1830
                                                                           THE01840
C
      CURTC : TOTAL CURRENT DURING CHARGE (AMPERE)
C
            : RATED AH CAPACITY (AMPERE-HOUR)
                                                                           THE0 1850
C
                                                                           THE0 1860
                                                                           THE 0 1870
      READ(5,101) Q,AQ1,AQ2,AQ3
C
            : INITIAL STATE-OF-CHARGE (1.--0)
                                                                           THE 0 1830
             : 1ST COEFFICIENT FOR CALCULATING HEAT OF DISCG. REACTION
C
                                                                           THE0 1890
             BY THE EQUATION DHR=AQ1+AQ2*Q+AQ3*Q**2: 2ND COEFFICIENT IN ABOVE EQUATION
С
                                                                           THE 0 1900
C
      492
                                                                           THE 0 19 10
C
      AQ3
             : 3RD COEFFICIENT IN ABOVE EQUATION
                                                                           THE01920
C
                                                                           THE 0 1930
     V-T CURVE FOR DISCHARGE OR CHARGE
C
                                                                           THE0 1940
С
                                                                           THE 0 1950
      READ(5,106) COE1,COE2,COE3,COE4,COE5,SQL
                                                                           THE01960
C
      COE1-COE5: COEFFICIENTS IN SHEFHERD'S EQUATION FOR DISCHARGE:
                                                                           THE 0 1970
C
                  SHEPHERD'S EQUATION USED TO PROVIDE CELL VOLTAGE BY
                                                                           THE 0 1980
C
                  С
                  WHERE Q IS STATE-OF-CHARGE AT ANY TIME BASED ON SQL.
                                                                           THE02000
C
      SQL
             : AMPERE-HOUR CAPACITY USED AS A BASE FOR STATE-OF-CHARGE
                                                                           THE 020 10
¢
               CALCULATION IN SHEPHERD'S EQUATION
                                                                           THE02020
C
                                                                           THE02030
      READ(5,106) COE6, COE7, COE8, COE9, COE10, SQLC
                                                                           THE02040
C
      COE6-COE10: COEFFICIENTS IN SHEFHERD'S EQUATION FOR CHARGE
                                                                           THE 02050
      SQLC : AH CAPACITY BASE USED IN SHEPHERD'S EQUATION FOR CHARGE
C
                                                                           THE02060
C
                                                                           THE02070
      READ(5,108) POTCUT, EPS, XKRIT, NSIG, ITMAXO
                                                                           THE 02080
C
      FOTCUT: CUT-OFF VOLTAGE FOR DISCHARGE (V/CELL)
                                                                           THE02090
C
            : A SHALL NUMBER AS 1ST CONVERGENCE CRITERION FOR ZFLASE;
                                                                           THE 02 100
С
               ZFALSE IS A INSL ROUTINE USED TO CALCULATE CUT-OFF TIME
                                                                           THE 02110
C
              FOR DISCHARGE BY SOLVING SHEPHERD'S EQN. AT CUT-OFF VOLT. THE02120
C
               ZFALSE FINDS SOLUTION BY "REGULA FALSI" ITERATION.
                                                                           THE 02 130
      XKRIT : A NUMBER (.8-1.2) USED TO PROVIDE INITIAL GUESS FOR ZFALSETHE02140
C
C
      HSIG : 2ND COMVERGENCE CRITERION FOR ZFALSE; NO. SIGNIFI. DIGITS.THE02150
      ITHAXO: MAXIMUM NO. OF ITERATIONS ALLOWED IN ZFALSE
                                                                           THE 02 160
C
                                                                           THE 02170
      READ(5,103) L,M,N,IIL,ISTOL,NCELL,NPLAT,ITL
                                                                           THE 02 180
C
            : NO. OF NODES IN X DIRECTION, FOR FINITE DIFFERENCE APPROX. THE 02 190
C
      М
            : NO. OF NODES IN Y DIRECTION
                                                                           THE 02200
C
            : NO. OF NODES IN Z DIRECTION
                                                                           THE 022 10
C
            : NO. OF CELLS OR HODULES CONSIDERED IN HODELING
      IIL
                                                                           THE02220
      ISTOL : TOTAL NO. OF SURFACES
                                                                           THE02230
C
      NCELL : NO. OF CELLS PER MODULE
                                                                           THE02240
C
      RFLAT : NO. OF POSITIVE+NEGATIVE PLATES PER CELL
                                                                           THE02250
С
            : MAXIMUM NO. OF ITERATIONS ALLOHED IN TEMPERATURE ITERATIONTHE02260
                                                                           THE02270
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EXTERNAL CONDITIONS
                                                                            THE 02280
C
                                                                            THE 02290
      READ(5.101) VAIR.GAP.TSPECL.XNPLOT
                                                                            THE 02300
C
      VAIR : AVERAGE LINEAR VELOCITY OF COOLING AIR STREAM (M/SEC)
                                                                            THE02310
C
             : SIZE OF AIR GAP (DISTANCE) BETHEEM CELLS OR MODULES (M);
                                                                            THE02320
C
               GAP BECOMES IMACTIVE IMPUT IF NO AIR SPACE EXISTS
                                                                            THE 02330
               BETHEEN CELLS OR MODULES
                                                                            THE02340
C
      TSPECL: SPECIAL TEMPERATURE (K) AT WHICH CERTAIN CELL SURFACES
                                                                            THE 02350
Č
               ARE TO MAINTAINED AT: NOT USED IN MOST CASES
                                                                            THE02360
C
      XNPLOT: NO. OF 3-D PLOT FOR TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION DESIRED
                                                                            THE02370
Č
                                                                            THE 02380
      READ(5, 107) IDH.COEHP
                                                                            THE 02390
C
           : AN INDICATER FOR SELECTING HAYS TO CALCULTE HEAT TRANSFER THE 02400
C
               COEFFICIENTS BETHEEN AIR STREAM AND CELL SURFACES;
                                                                            THE 024 10
               IDH=1: PREASSIGNED HEAT TRANSFER COEFF.
                                                                            THE 02420
C
               IDH=2: SIMPLE CORRELATION USED FOR INTERNAL FLOW
                                                                            THE 02430
C
               IDH=OTHER: COEFF. CALCULATED BASED ON LOCAL REYNOLDS NO.
                                                                            THE 02440
Č
      COEHP : VALUES OF PREASSIGNED HEAT TRANSFER COEFFICIENTS;
                                                                            THE 02450
Č
                                                                            THE02460
               COEMP(I) HAS DIMENSION OF 6. ONE COEFF. TO EACH SURFACE
                                                                            THE 02470
      READ(5,101) THERKA, THERDA, VISCOK, EMIT
                                                                            THE 02480
C
      THERKA: THERMAL CONDUCTIVUTY OF AIR (HATTS/H/K)
                                                                            THE 02490
C
      THERDA: THERMAL DIFFUSIVITY OF AIR (CONDUC/DENSITY/CP)(M==2/SEC)
                                                                            THE 02500
C
      VISCOK: KINEMATIC VISCOSITY OF AIR (H**2/SEC)
EMIT : EMISSIVITY OF BATTERY SURFACES
                                                                            THE 02510
C
                                                                            THE 02520
C
                                                                            THE02530
      READ(5, 101) BETA, THERKP, HP, DENHP
                                                                            THE02540
C
                                                                            THE02550
      BETA : COEFFICIENT OF EXPANSION FOR AIR (1/K)
C
      THERKP: THERMAL COMDUCTIVITY OF PLASTIC CELL CASE (HATTS/M/K)
                                                                            THE 02560
C
      UP 
            : THICKHESS OF PLASTIC CELL CASE (M)
                                                                            THE 02570
C
      DENMP : DEMSITY OF PLASTIC USED FOR CELL CASE (KG/M==3)
                                                                            THE 02580
                                                                            THE02590
      READ(5, 109) TERMR, TERMK
                                                                            THE02600
C
      TERMS : RADIUS OF TERMINAL (M)
                                                                            THE 026 10
C
      TERMK : THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY OF TERMAL (HATTS/M/K)
                                                                            THE 02620
C
                                                                            THE02630
      READ(5,104) IPLOT.IP.IHRT
                                                                            THE02640
C
      IPLOT : INDICATOR FOR PLOTTING OPTIONS
                                                                            THE02650
               IPLOT=0; NO PLOT WILL BE GENERATED
                                                                             THE 02660
Č
               IPLOT=OTHER; XNPLOT NO. OF PLOTS WILL BE GENERATED
                                                                            THE02670
C
             : INDICATOR FOR SELECTING CROSECTION FOR 3-D PLOT
                                                                             THE02680
      IP
               IP=1; PLOT T-DISTRIBUTION FOR X-CROSECTION AT X=XL/2
                                                                             THE02690
C
               IP=2; PLOT FOR Y-CROSECTION AT Y=YL/2
                                                                             THE02700
               IP=3; PLOT FOR Z-CROSECTION AT Z=ZL/2
                                                                             THE02710
       IHRT : IHRT=0; NO DETAIL OUTPUT OF 3-0 TEMPERATURE DIS.
C
                                                                             THE02720
               INRT-OTHER; XNHRT NO. OF DETAIL T-DIS. HILL BE PRINTED.
                                                                             THE02730
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A sample calculation using the battery thermal model and input data as defined above is given in the Appendix. The calculation is made for a 150-Ah nickel/iron single cell during a 75-A constant-current discharge.

VI. CONCLUSION

A generic three-dimensional thermal model was developed for analyzing the thermal behavior of electric-vehicle batteries. The model calculates temperature distribution and excursion of a battery during discharge, charge, and open circuit. The model predictions agreed well with the temperature distributions measured in nickel/iron batteries.

Application of the thermal model to various nickel/iron batteries indicated that excessive temperature rise will occur in a closely packed 330-Ah module of five cells. Forced air convection is not effective for cooling the module. To facilitate the use of the model by EV designers and battery developers, the flow diagram for the model computer code and the input/output specifications are described. A sample calculation is also given to illustrate the procedures of using the model for battery thermal analysis.

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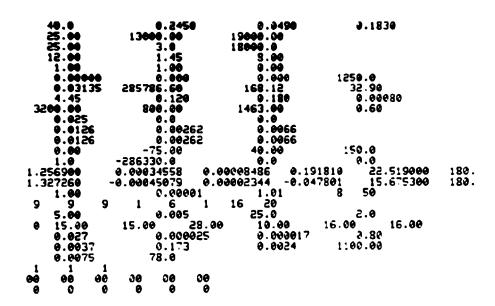
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APPENDIX

SAMPLE CALCULATION

A sample calculation using the ANL battery thermal model "THERMO" is given below. The calculation is made for a 150-Ah nickel/iron single cell during a 75-A constant-current discharge. All cell surfaces are exposed to cooling air at a temperature of 25°C. The cooling air velocity is 5 m/s coming down from the top surface of the cell. The set of input data (defined on pp. 23-25) is



Thus, the first row above gives values for XNSTEP, RXL, RYL, and RZL; the second row gives values for TINI, TIMEDL, and TIMECA; and so on.

Parts of the results directly taken from computer printout and plots are as follows:

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NO. OF MODULES IN THE BATTERY :
                                           1
 NO. OF CELLS PER MODULE : 1
 NO. OF PLATES PER CELL : 16
 DIMENSIONS OF MODULE OR CELL: XL= 0.24500 YL= 0.04900 ZL= 0.18300
 WEIGHT OF MODULE • 4.45000
VOLUME OF MODULE • 0.00220
DENSITY OF MODULE • 2025.56767
                             4,45000
 DIMENSIONS OF BATTERY CORE : XL- 0.19000 YL- 0.03896 ZL- 0.16500
 APPROXIMATION MESH NO.
                                    9
 NUMBER OF TIME-STEPS
                                   40.0
 ARRANGEMENT IDENTIFICATION IIN(II,I) & IDIUID(II,I):
      0
                        0
                              0
                                    0
      B
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                                    a
 INITIAL TEMPERATURE : AMBIENT TEMPERATURE :
                              25.0000
 AIR VELOCITY (M/S) :
                               5.0000
 ELECTROLYTE FLOW UX : 0.0
                     UY : 0.0
                      UZ : 0.0
 GAP BETWEEN MODULES :
                               0.0050
 INITIAL STA-O-CHARGE:
                               1.0000
 RATED CAPACITY (AH) :
                               150.00
 TIME STEP SIZE * MAX. TIME LIM. * TIME-DISCHARGE *
                           190.0000
                         18000.0000
                       13000.0000
 TIME-CHARGE
                         19000.0000
 CUT-OFF VOLT. -
                              1.0000
 TIME TERMINATE - AUG. CELL UOLT -
                          7746.1693
                             1.1945
 AH DISCHARGED .
                           161.3785
 WH DISCHARGED
                           192.7588
 SPECIFIC ENERGY (WH/KG) = SPECIFIC POWER (W/KG) =
                                        43.3166
                                       20.1312
87.7407
 VOL. ENERGY (WH/LITER) .
 VOL. POWER (W/LITER)
                                       40.7771
CHARGE CURRENT (AMP)
CHARGE CURRENT EFFICIENCY
                                       40.0000
                                      1.0000
 DISCHARGE CURRENT (AMP)
DISCHARGE CURRENT EFFICIENCY
                                        1.0000
 GAS EVOLUTION COEFFICIENT
                                        9.0
SPECIFIC HEAT OF ELECTROLYTE • AVERAGE SPECIFIC HEAT OF SOLID-SPECIFIC HEAT OF CELL CASE •
                                         0.32000D+04
                                         0.80000D+03
                                         0.14630D+04
VOLUME ELECTROLYTE PER CELL
                                         0.80000D-03
VOL. ELTY. IN BOUNDARY
DENSITY OF ELECTROLYTE
                                         0.47361D-03
0.12500D+04
0.24000D-02
                                         0.11000D+04
                                         0.17300D+00
WEIGHT OF TERMINAL .
                            0.12000D+00
        OF COVER
                            0.18000D+00
        OF CELL CASE:
                            0.33549D+00
        OF BND ELTY.
                            0.592020+00
                            0.40793D+00
        OF COR SOLID.
                            0.281450+01
WEIGHT OF CORE
                            0.322250+01
EFFECTIVE THERMAL MASS OF CORE.
                                         0.291240+07
UNIT-ELECTPOD GROSS THICKNESS .
                                         0.25973D-02
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0.313500-01

SUPERFICIAL ELECTRODE AREA

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1.4500
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                                                                            8.0000
 THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY:
                               LX.
                                      12.0000
                                                 KY.
                                                        YLAIR.
                                                                     0.0
                                                                                 ILAIP.
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                               XLAIR.
                                            0.0250
 EQUIDARY AIR SPACE
                               BTHX1 .
                                                                     0.0150
 ROUNDARY MASS THICKNESS:
                                            0.0150
                                                        PTH'M-
                                            0.0050
                                                        BTHYN.
                                                                     0.0050
                               FTHY1 .
                                                                     0.0090
                                                        BTHZti-
                               ETHZ1 •
                                            0.0030
                                                                 1210.6760
 BOUNDARY MASS DENSITY
                               BDEX1 .
                                        1192.0230
                                                        BDEXH*
                                        1177.2915
                                                        BDĒYH.
                                                                 1177.2915
                               BDF v1 .
                                                                 1206.1914
                                                        BDEZN.
                               BDEZ1.
                                         1206.1914
 BOUNDARY SPECIFIC HEAT :
                               BCPX1 .
                                        2580.4559
                                                        BCPXN-
                                                                 2786.2564
                                        2413.3123
2737.3582
                               BCPY1 .
                                                        BCPYN.
                                                                 2413.3123
                                                                 2737.3582
                                                        BCPZN-
                               BCPZ1 •
 EXPANSION COEFFICIENT BETA
                                       0.37000D-02
 AIR THERMAL CONDUCTIVITY AIR VISCOSITY
                                       0.27000D-01
                                       0.17000D-04
 RADIATIVE ENISIUITY
                                       0.80000D+00
 HEAT OF REACTION --286330.00 + DELT CP OF MAIN REACTION:
                                                             0.0 1010
                                           0.0
                                                1 Q +
                                    0.16812D+03
 HEAT OF GASSING REACTION!
                                    0.285790+06
 HEAT OF GASSING NERCLIUM: 0.32980D+62
DELT CP OF GASSING RXN : 0.32980D+62
DISCHARGE CELL UOLTAGE • COE1 - COE28I/(1-18T/SQL) - COE38I + COE48DEXP(-COE58(18T/SQL))
SQL • 0.64800000D+66
COE1 • 0.12569000D+61
COE2 • 0.3455800D-03
       COE3- 0.84860000D-04
       COE4- 0.191810000+00
COE5- 0.225190000+02
 CHARGE CELL VOLTAGE. COE6-COE781/(1-18T/SQLC)-COE8:1+COE9:DEXP(-COE10:(18T/SQLC))
       SQLC- 0.18000000D+03
       COE6- 0.13272600D+01
       COE7 -- 0.45079000D-03
       COE8- 0.23440000D-04
COE9--0.47801000D-01
       COE10.0.15675300D+02
 **** SPACE AROUND EACH MODULE: 1411
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DIMENSIONLESS GROUPS:

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TAMR . 9.1000000D+01

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    CBAUG(II,I):
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                         0.99884
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CURRENT DENSITY --159.48963
BATTERY VOLTAGE - 1.41146
                    - -75.00000
CELL VOLTAGE
   TIME - 0.129D-02
TIME - 0.129D-02
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KPASS-

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TOTAL HEAT DISSIPATION: THIS STEP- 0.47117670-00 (UH) 55.8545 % UP-TO-T- 0.23285380-02 (UH) 50.4140 %

EREERRET TIME . 7060.00 EREERREER HAUG([[,[])) BIOT([[,[])) CBAUG([[,[])) 0.145570+02 0.145570+02 0.280040+02 0.604900+01 0.145570+02 0.145570+02 0.300240+00 0.300240+00 0.443390+00 0.957760+01 0.391140+00 0.321140+00 0.741550+00 0.741550+00 0.438440+00 0.825800+00 0.795230+00 0.795230+00 TIME • 0.9890•00 TIME • 0.9890•00 TIME • 0.9890•00 KPASS. 2 KPASS. TIME - 0.9890+00 KPASS. TIME . 0.9890+00 L'PASS. TA([[,[]) -309.1412 309.1412 304.2919 310.9986 309.7572 309.7572 314.1381 214.3230 181111111 TIME . 7746.17 ERFERERES HAUG(II, I): BIOT(II, I): 0.14557D+02 0.14557D+02 0.28004D+02 0.60490D+01 0.14557D+02 0.14557E+02 0.30024D+00 0.30024D+00 0.44339D+00 0.95776D-01 0.39114D+00 0.39114D+00 0.74155D+00 0.74155D+00 0.43845D+00 0.82580D+00 0.79523D+00 0.75523E+00 STATE-OF-CHARGE . 0.10345 TOTAL CURRENT -75.00000 CURRENT DENSITY -159.48963 BATTERY VOLTAGE 1.00000 CELL VOLTAGE 1.00000 TIME - 0.100D+01 KPASS-TIME - 0.100D+01 KPASS-TIME - 0.100D+01 KPASS-HEAT GENERATION RATE: ODOT NON-DINEN.: 0.257540+00 WATTS/H3 (II): 0.25850+05 WATTS (II): 0.3523D+02 WH-THIS STEP : 0.843580+00 WH-GENERATED : 0.46188350+02 HEAT BISSIPATION BY CONVECTION: WATTS-782(I): 0.1561962D+03 0.1561962D+03 0.1790621D+03 0.7985512D+02 0.1657473D+03 0.1657473D+03 WATTS-782(I): 0.1156227D+01 0.1156227D+01 0.1151083D+01 0.5133406D+00 0.5196179D+01 0.5196179D+01 WH-THIS STEP: 0.2767534D-01 0.2767534D-01 0.2767522D-01 0.122872BD-01 0.1243753D+00 0.1243753D+00 WH-UP TO T : 0.1373396D+01 0.1373396D+01 0.1374742D+01 0.6037979D+00 0.6182987D+01 0.6182987D+01 WH-UP TO T 1 0.13773960+01 0.13737960+01 0.13747420+01 0.60379790+00 0.61829870+01 0.61829870+01 SUR OF SURFACES: THIS STEP- 0.34794070+00 (UH) 40.7716 % UP-TO-T- 0.17091310+02 (UH) 37.0035 % HEAT DISSIPATION BY MADIATION: WATTS/R2[[] 1 0.57610330+02 0.57610330+02 0.31720060+02 0.67757600+02 0.60977710+02 0.60977710+02 UATTS [] 1 0.42645470+00 0.42645470+00 0.20390020+00 0.43557300+00 0.19116510+01 0.19116510+01 UA-THIS STEP: 0.10207580+01 0.10207580+01 0.48807530+02 0.10207580+01 0.45757110+01 0.45757110+01 UA-UP TO T 1 0.49675230+00 0.2109690+00 0.50190220+00 0.22287870+01 0.22287870+01 SUR OF SURFACES: THIS STEP: 0.12723600+00 (UA) 15.0829 " UP-TO-T: 0.61940770+01 (UA) 13.4105 %

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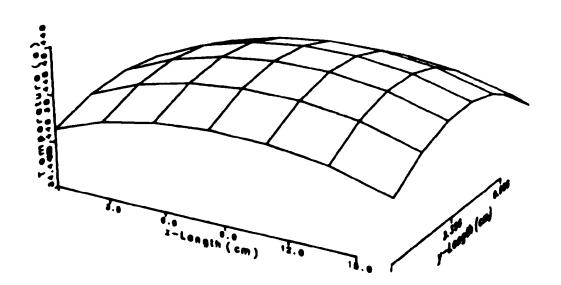
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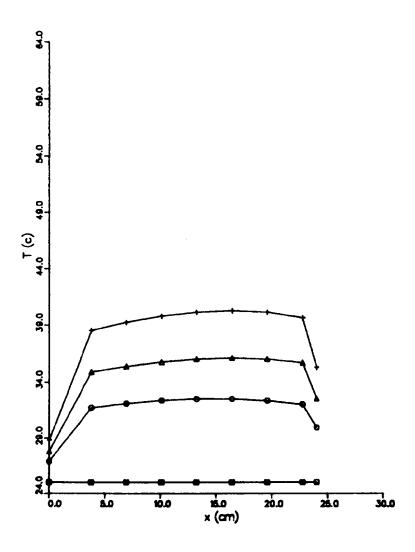
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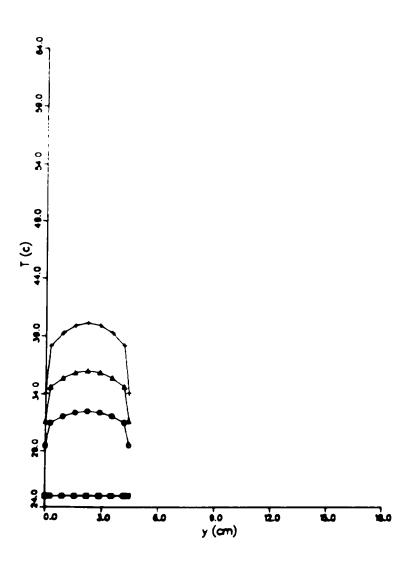
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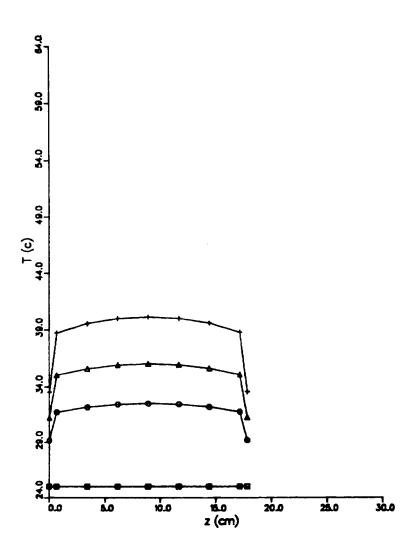
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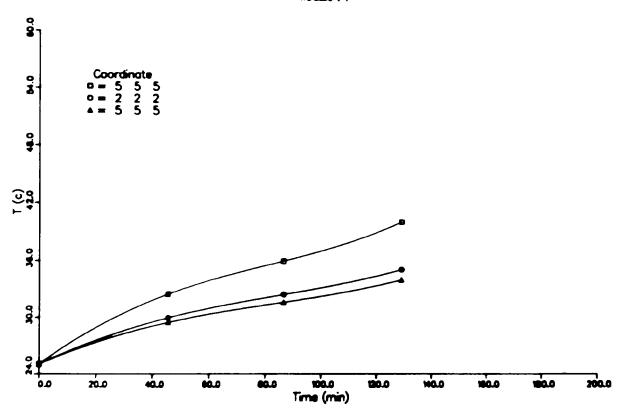
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